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REPLY TO DR. CROUTER.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 24, 1913.

Editor World-Herald, Omaha:

Will you allow me space to reply to Dr. Crouter's letter in your issue of the 17th inst? Dr. Crouter is superintendent of the Pennsylvania Institution at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, and is one of those who believe in the exclusive use of the oral method. For every superintendent of a large and important school who believes in the exclusive Oral Method there are ten who believe in the Combined System.

The Oral Method places the emphasis on speech; the Combined System places the emphasis on EDUCATION.

The Combined System produces superior results as to education. Why? Because under the Oral Method so much time is spent on drill in speech that there is less time for mental development.

Here is the proof: Pennsylvania, including the Mt. Airy school with over six hundred pupils, has only seven students at Gallaudet College; Nebraska, with two hundred pupils, has eleven. Pennsylvania, using chiefly the exclusive oral method, is only able to send one out of 150 pupils to College; Nebraska, using the Combined System, was able to send one out of 18. Formerly when the Pennsylvania school used the Combined System it was able to send a much larger proportion of its students to College.

"Parents are delighted," as Dr. Crouter says, if their children can speak a few words. The public demands speech, without realizing that the deaf thereby lose a great deal in mental development and equipment for the battle of life. The Mt. Airy school caters to the popular demand. It is playing to the galleries.

In one year out of a single class the Mt. Airy school rejected seven pupils as "feeble minded," or incapable of receiving instruction in the school. (American Annals, Nov. 1909, page 447.) No Combined System school has ever rejected half that number. It is a matter of record that children rejected by oral schools as "feeble minded" have been taken in by Combined Schools and educated into useful and self-supporting citizens.

The Combined System, properly applied, gives speech to all who can profit by it; but if they cannot, it does not reject them, but uses methods suitable to them. It fits the method to the pupil; the exclusive oral method does not. About 60 per

cent of the deaf in Combined Schools are taught speech.

Dr. Crouter considers the Nebraska law "wisely instituted" and "wisely enforced." I could quote a dozen superintendents equally able and experienced who hold contrary opinions, but will only quote one: Mr. Bangs, formerly superintendent of the North Dakota school, now a resident of Lincoln, Neb., wrote:

"The legislature of Nebraska has made a blunder, and the deaf children will 'pay the freight.'"

"It seems incredible that any sane body of men would deliberately pass such a law if they looked into the subject and were actuated by any desire to give a square deal to the deaf."

The oral law should be repealed. To do so would in no wise prevent giving efficient oral instruction to all who can profit by it; but it would prevent those who cannot profit by the exclusive oral method from being deprived of their right to an EDUCATION.

OLOF HANSON,

Pres. Nat. Ass'n. of the Deaf.

A LETTER FROM NEBRASKA AND A REPLY.

(Copy)

SENATE CHAMBER

Lincoln, Nebraska

February eleventh,

Nineteen Thirteen.

Mr. Olof Hanson,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 3rd received. In reply thereto would say, I believe in the exclusive use of the oral method. I have visited the Institution and have talked with the pupils and the graduates, and I find that they are almost universally in favor of this system. I understand that there is only about five per cent who cannot receive oral training.

I will see the gentlemen you refer to—they have probably called on me already, and we will discuss the matter thoroughly before acting.

Yours very truly,

J. M. McFARLAND.

(Senator McFarland is a member of the Committee on Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institutes, which will pass on oral legislation.)

4747 16th Ave. N. E.

Feb. 23, 1913.

Hon. John M. McFarland,

State Capitol,

Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the eleventh inst.

received. You say that you have talked with the pupils and graduates, and find that they are almost universally in favor of the exclusive oral method.

If that is true, it is very important, and should be thoroughly investigated. My own information is exactly the opposite, and that, with the exception of one young man connected with the school at Omaha, who has personal reasons for keeping in favor with the Superintendent, practically all are opposed to the EXCLUSIVE use of the oral method. Please note the word EXCLUSIVE.

I have written to several graduates of the school, asking if you had been correctly informed as to their attitude, and you will probably hear from them shortly.

It is quite likely that some of those you interviewed expressed themselves as favorable to oral instruction. We all favor it as used under the Combined System. But do they favor the discontinuance of the sign language entirely? That is the point.

You speak of the oral "system." There is no oral system. The expression "Combined System" is a technical term used in the profession of teaching the deaf, and means a combination of the best in all methods. It is a broad system and applies not only to the school room but to chapel services, lectures, etc. It includes the oral method for a large proportion of the deaf; but it does not exclude other methods when better results may be attained by their use. The term combined method is used by some, but as generally used by oralists it has an entirely different meaning from "Combined System."

Authoritative definitions of both the term "Combined System" and Oral Method may be found in the American Annals of the Deaf published at Washington, D. C. This publication is the best authority on all matters pertaining to the deaf.

Yours respectfully,

OLOF HANSON.

DOING ITS SHARE.

The Michigan Mirror is devoting some space in each issue to N. A. D. affairs. That is something that other papers might follow. There is too much inclination among I. p. f., as well as the deaf at large, to leave all the work for a few to do.

Get in the swim and make your presence felt by the enemy.

GONE FROM OUR MIDST.

(Dedicated to Mrs. Lottie K. Clarke)
By J. Frederick Meagher.
Gone from our midst; life's frail thread
shorn asunder
At one soft snip of stern Atropos
shears;
We stand around, half dazed, in help-
less wonder,
Our eye-lids heavy with the pent-up
tears,
For she is gone.

Gone from our midst her daily adminis-
trations,
Her patient plodding ever here and
there;
A mother's love—though we were no re-
lation—
She gave to all, a mother's love and
care—
Now she is gone.

Gone, ever gone; the cruel chorus ring-
ing
In dismal dirge chafes on our idle
ears;
Meanwhile her steadfast soul is swiftly
swinging
Its joyous way to more desired
spheres—
Yes, she is gone.

But no, she is not gone, her faith—
far reaching—
Shall stretch, transmitted to the end
of time;
Her example and gentle Christian teach-
ing—
While these endure, simple yet sub-
lime—
She is not gone.

Mrs. Lottie K. Clarke, wife of
Thomas P. Clarke, superintendent of
the State School for the Deaf, died
Friday, February 14, 1913. Death was
due to an attack of cerebral menin-
gitis.

Mrs. Clarke, formerly Miss Lottie
Kirkland, was born 47 years ago in
New York city, and grew to woman-
hood in that place.

Every since reaching maturity, she
has been actively engaged in the edu-
cation of the deaf. In 1888 she was
married to Supt. Clarke, who was also
engaged in educational work, and
since their marriage Mr. and Mrs.
Clarke have spent two years at the
Western Pennsylvania School for the
Deaf, four years at the Arkansas State
School, ten years at the Michigan
School, three and one-half years at
the Oregon School, and for the past
seven years they have been in charge
of the Washington State School, and
the wonderful strides forward made
by this school in those seven years
are striking testimonials to their ex-
ecutive ability.

Mrs. Clarke was around doing her
usual duties Monday, but Tuesday she
kept to her bed, owing to an attack
of the grippe, and Tuesday evening a
high fever came on.

Early Wednesday morning she grew
much worse, due to a hemorrhage of
the brain and an attack of cerebral
meningitis. She soon became uncon-
scious and remained so till Wednesday
evening, when she roused sufficiently
to recognize and speak to all those in
the room, after which she lapsed into
a state of coma and remained uncon-
scious to the end.

It was not till Wednesday morning
that the pupils were informed of the
serious condition of Mrs. Clarke, but
from that time on, scarcely a heel

touched the floor as the one hundred
and twenty-five pupils went silently
to and from the chapel and class
rooms.

Thursday, a specialist was called
from Portland, but he, as well as the
regular attending physician, held out
no hope for her recovery.

The end came quietly at 2:10 Fri-
day morning, with those she loved
gathered around her bed. Friday, all
routine work in the school was sus-
pended, and the children, still not re-
alizing their great loss, tip-toed around
with awed countenances.

The funeral services were held in
the chapel at two o'clock Sunday af-
ternoon, Rev. Collier of St. Luke's
church, officiating. The pall-bearers
were six members of our faculty—
Louis Divine, George Lloyd, W. S.
Hunter, J. F. Meagher, John Moore
and A. McDonald, all but one of them
being deaf.

The stage in the chapel was banked
high with flowers from many loving
friends. The casket was set on a
great pile of carnations and violets,
Mrs. Clarke's favorite flowers.

Directly over the casket was a large
broken cart wheel, formed of carna-
tions, violets and beautiful ferns, and
in gold letters were the words, "Your
Children." This was from the pupils
of the school. To the right was a
great basket of carnations, violets and
Easter lilies, from the teachers, while
at the foot of the casket were a wreath
from Supt. and Mrs. Clarke of the
Michigan School, and several sprays
from relatives. Back of the casket
were a large pillow with the words
"C. E." formed by blue violets from
the Christian Endeavor Society, and
a perfect bower of carnations and vio-
lets from the employes of the school.
On the walls were many beautiful
floral tributes received from the deaf
all over this state and Oregon, includ-
ing a beautiful one from Mr. and Mrs.
W. F. Schneider of Portland, P. S. A.
D. of Seattle, Mr. Vinson of Portland,
the deaf teachers of the Michigan
School, the deaf of Portland. A big
heart, outlined with carnations, was
from the teachers of the Blind School.
The O. E. S. of which Mrs. Clarke
was a member, sent a beautiful floral
star, while the floral offerings from
many other sources were innumera-
ble.

The choir from St. Luke's church,
in full vestments, were present and
rendered several hymns.

Five deaf girls—Sadie Salisbury,
Violet Johnson, Elizabeth Barrett, Al-
ice Sandberg and Edna Wilson—ren-
dered the hymn, "Nearer, My God, to
Thee" in signs, keeping perfect time
with the choir as they sang the hymn
orally.

Mr. Lloyd, of the school faculty,
then interpreted Rev. Collins' sermon
for the benefit of the deaf present.

Near the close of the services, four
of the older girl—Ethel Gregory, Le-
tha Steuernagel, Arva Tiller and Addie
Medley—rendered Mrs. Clarke's fa-
vorite hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," in
the sign language, while the choir
sang the beautiful song orally.

Sunday evening's regular C. E. meet-
ing was turned into a memorial ser-
vice, all the pupils and officers being
present, and many were the beautiful
tributes paid to Mrs. Clarke, as each
pupil and officer recalled some little
incident when she had helped or en-
couraged him or her.

Monday morning the body was re-
moved to a Portland crematorium,
where it was cremated. The great
piles of flowers were distributed among
the sick at the local hospitals.

The search after the great is the
dream of youth, and the most seri-
ous occupation of manhood.—
Emerson.

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MRS. CLARKE.

It is with grief that we speak of the death of Mrs. T. P. Clarke, wife of the superintendent of the State School. Mrs. Clarke contracted pneumonia, and paralysis afterwards set in, ending in death shortly after 2 o'clock Friday morning, February 14.

Mrs. Clarke will be missed everywhere. At the school, most of all, where she was matron, her husband's comfort and helper, and the inspiration and directing force of every gathering. She truly loved the deaf, and showed it in a hundred ways. If she was in a company containing both deaf and hearing people, she would invariably, after courteously speaking to the latter, turn to the deaf and converse chiefly with them. The deaf recognized this affection, and returned it. She was the most beloved person in the school, and popular throughout the state. She was a beautiful sign-maker, and though an oral teacher she always favored the combined system, recognizing it as the best means of educating the deaf.

Our Father called her, and she has passed from among us. But she will live in the memory of the children who loved her, and of all the deaf who came in contact with her. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Clarke in his great bereavement.

A. T. H.

TIME THIEF.

The man who robs the bank or he who sneaks off with a butcher's ham are not the only thieves society is afflicted with. We have the time thieves also. They drop into your office with a long story or political argument and steals your valuable time. They are present at the public gatherings stealing the time of

the crowd with long-winded nothingness, they steal the time that others should have in which to say a few words. Once give them the floor and they hold it till the audience is exhausted and other worthy speakers are crowded out for lack of time.

Every community has these thieves. How shall we deal with them? There should be some other way than hurling silent profanity at them. They should be squelched. If they are over anxious to hear themselves talk let them hire a hall of their own. R.

ANOTHER SURPRISE.

On Saturday, February 15, the deaf of Seattle surprised Cleon Morris on the occasion of her birthday. Mr. Partridge took her down town to see some "Movies," and then bringing her home at an early hour, she found the house invaded, and her friends gathered around her to congratulate her. Cleon's mother and sisters were in the secret.

Cleon received a number of very pretty and dainty gifts. A pleasing feature of the party was a number of little red hearts tied to a wedding ring and suspended from the chandelier, each one containing a greeting from some friend at the Vancouver school. This had been thoughtfully sent by Mrs. Meagher.

When refreshments were about to be served, after a number of interesting games had been played, it was found that the ice cream, left on a neighbor's porch, had been stolen. Nothing daunted, Mr. Partridge furnished a second supply, and all had their fill. Cleon is a well-liked young lady, and a pleasant atmosphere of cordiality and good-fellowship made her birthday party a very successful one. Nearly forty were present.

THAT HOCKEY GAME.

A letter from B. F. Wallace of Fernie, B. C., says the late International Champion Hockey game at Rossland should have been decided in favor of Fernie.

Mr. Wallace says Fernie won the British Columbia championship by a score of 6 to 3. Fernie won three games and lost one during the Rossland carnival week. So far this season Fernie has lost 3 games and won 3. A gold medal was won at the carnival.

We understand that Mr. Wallace is considered one of the best defense men on a hockey team in Southern British Columbia.

Mr. Wallace runs a cigar stand, barber shop and shoe shining stand and is doing well. He says he can use a good steady deaf barber. Most of the barbers that come his way are too boozy.

Our Fernie friend is a reader and admirer of the Observer.

Governor Johnson of California Endorses the Sign Language

A "by product" of the recent investigation of the California school was the opening of the eyes of the governor of the state as to first, what the sign language is and second as to its value. The governor is not alone when he confesses that he had always supposed the sign language of the deaf as merely spelling on the fingers, for that is the universal idea. Following is an extract from the printed report of the Governor relating to that part of his investigation:

"The deaf and dumb have their own method naturally of communication and this method of communication is the sign language. There is difference among the educators as to methods of teaching the deaf and dumb, one class insisting upon teaching exclusively oralism, the other class insisting upon a combined method involving both oralism and sign language. This sign language is not, as I supposed it to be prior to the investigation, the spelling out of words by letters. Here is a distinct language of itself, comparable perhaps to shorthand, by which gestures, facial expression, pantomime and the like convey ideas."

"This language is of inestimable value to the deaf and dumb, whether one method or another be taught in school. It is a means by which they communicate with facility and rapidity among themselves, and the means by which speeches and lectures may be delivered among themselves. The deaf and dumb have lodges, gatherings and all assemblages just like hearing people, and in these assemblages their mode of communication is not by spelling out letters, but this sign language, by which orations may be delivered, speeches made and all of those things done from the platform that are done by those who are not deaf."

"During the taking of the testimony in the case there was in constant attendance a large number of the deaf who followed with the most intense interest the translation of the interpreter of the testimony, and this translation apparently was made as rapidly as the testimony was given by speaking witnesses."

While we do not wish that there be cause for an investigation in every state in the Union, yet we do wish that every governor and every state officer were caused through some other means to appreciate as fully as does Governor Johnson of California after six weeks' investigation and commingling with the deaf, the value of the sign language to them also and of the superiority of a combination of methods of instruction.—Supt. Walker in Missouri Record.

LOCAL NEWS

Christopher Smith of Leavenworth is spending the week in town.

Eddie Spieler reached Seattle Tuesday, looking well and prosperous.

Rev. Fedder will hold services for the deaf next Sunday at 3 p. m.

Marion Hanson spent the week end with her chum at Portage, Vashon Island.

Seth Ladd came down from Victoria and likes Seattle. He knew Dewitt Tousley back in Hartford, Conn., and the two had a good old-time talk.

L. O. Christenson was leader at the Bible class last Sunday. Thirty-five were present. The out-of-town guests seemed to enjoy the class very much. By an almost unanimous vote it was decided to continue the class twice a month. Olof Hanson will be the next leader.

FORTY-TWO STORIES HIGH.

If you ask any one in Seattle how the masquerade of February 22nd passed off, they'll tell you it went up forty-two stories in its immensity.

Roy Harris worked harder than a politician, on election day, to make it a success, and his assistants, True Partridge and Miss Cleon Morris, put in good efforts.

The attendance was near the 100 mark and by far the largest of any previous local affair.

Masks were removed at 10 o'clock and the prizes reported as follows: First gentlemen's prize, Olof Hanson; second gentlemen's, Dewitt Tousley; first ladies', Myrtle Hammond; second ladies', Jennie Wade.

The judges were Rudy Stuht, H. H. Kohn, Otha Minnick, Mrs. West, Mrs. Wade.

A rough draft of costumes is here given:

As Happy Hooligan, Ray Harris was positively disreputable, while as a squaw, True Partridge was in his native element.

Cleon Morris was a sweet Swedish girl with Fatherland curls.

Olof Hanson as Capt. Amundsen was fit for a comic daily. So'ry we haven't a cut for The Observer.

Mrs. Hanson was a most attractive Colonial lady in white.

A. W. Wright, as a royal page captured the hearts of all the young ladies.

Mrs. Wright, as a star, shone brightly.

Ray Foster showed how the national colors make a man look.

Mrs. C. K. McConnell was a presidential girl. She wore the national colors with a circle of pictures of all the Presidents. We are sorry one of the prizes did not go to her. Her daughter, Thelma, was a little Martha Washington.

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John Thomas was a student.

Chas. Hammond was a gentleman of color in a high hat cake-walking suit.

Mrs. C. Hammond was sweet sixteen.

Seth Ladd was arrayed as a lady in white and we challenge any one to detect anything masculine in his appearance.

Mrs. Gustin had a killing black and white suit.

Miss Ziegler was a girl of our grandma's time.

Miss Gustin, Miss Patten and Miss Dieter were all dressed as Yamas and attracted much attention.

Mrs. Wildfang portrayed Martha Washington.

Aug. Koberstein certainly was an ideal Walla Walla escape. It is said he took off his costume before he left the hall.

Mrs. Koberstein was a charming princess.

Rob Paterson was Pat out for a good time.

Mrs. Paterson was a cute housemaid.

Mrs. Adams was a true blue patriotic girl.

Mrs. Axling looked enough like a Japanese girl to marry the Emperor.

Dave Turrill was a returned Alaska miner.

Mrs. Turrill was a lady in lace.

J. Gerson shone as an honest country boy.

Mrs. Seeley was the belle of Shantytown and danced divine.

Miss Florence Morris as Red Ridinghood, was on the lookout for wolves.

Jack Bertram, as a Dane, gave his own wife a big surprise.

Alice Hammond showed her college culture as a Danish lady of royal blood.

Mrs. Bertram was a Turkish girl without any feathers.

Louis Bartl was just a gentleman.

Ernest Swangren had a clown suit.

Mrs. Swangren was in blue and spangles.

Albert Hole would not feel good as anything but a clown.

Mrs. Waugh could not be detected as a Swedish girl.

Lydia Waugh dressed as a ragged princess.

Christopher Smith, a Jew.

Mrs. Hutson, an old lady.

L. O. Christenson passed as the contractor who built the 42-story Smith building.

Mrs. Hammond, Sr., of Tacoma, was a realistic cultured Southern girl.

Laura Sampson drew much attention as an Indian maid.

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Mrs. Haire was a red cross nurse and the prettiest girl on the floor. She should have had a prize.

Myrtle Hammond passed as Joan of Arc.

Dewitt Tousley was an old peasant. Jennie Wade, as a Southern Mammy, took the cake for real life-like attire.

Others present were: Mrs. Tousley, J. E. Gustin, Mr. and Mrs. Klawitter, Fred Emmons, H. H. Kohn, Hilda Peterson, F. Teuke, Sherman Coder, M. S. West, Mrs. Stubbs, Mrs. Brown, L. T. Rhiley, J. H. O'Leary, A. Waugh, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Stuht, H. Plenz, C. Gilmore, F. Morrissey, Mrs. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. O. Minnick, Ed. Langdon, Mrs. Eaton, P. L. Axling, W. S. Root.

From out-of-town the following came: Tacoma—Mrs. Seeley and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hammond, Mrs. Hammond and daughter Alice, Ray Foster, C. Gerson, John Thomas Marcus Miller, Louis Bander, Miss Demaris, Leavenworth—Christopher Smith, Vancouver, B. C.—Mr. and Mrs. Turrill, Victoria, B. C.—Seth Ladd, Mt. Vernon—Louis Bartl, Brandon, B. C.—Charles Downey.

Ice cream, cake, sweet grape juice and apples were served.

P. L. Axling acted as floor manager. There were a number of children present, also several hearing persons, whose names we did not secure. Possibly the names of some deaf have been omitted by oversight.

We understand the committee has quite a surplus left after paying all bills.

IT'S COMING.

The next big thing in Seattle will probably be the state convention next summer.

IN A NEW LOCATION.

J. B. Bixler has left Wenatchee and opened a photo studio at Odessa, Wn. He will stay there till May 1st, at least.

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TACOMA.

"If your heart is empty,
Void of joy and treasurer,
Come to my home Thursday night
And fill that void with pleasure."

So ran the invitations Miss Alice Hammond sent out for her Valentine party. If any pessimist accepted the invitation he must have been converted on entrance to the hospitable Hammond home, which was prettily decorated with flowers—red roses and carnations—the cheery fire in the fireplace being doubly cheerful on account of the downpour of rain outside.

The whole evening passed without a "hitch," even if it was Cupid's own celebrating day.

The Valentine given to the writer proved to be indeed a "dam-sel," which was a great "feat" to put together, and which didn't even get a prize. The prize (hand-painted pin-tray) for that contest was won by Mrs. Foster, while Mrs. Hammond won the booby. In the peanut jabbing contest which followed, Mr. Foster came first, and won a heart-shaped box of bonbons.

Then, while Mr. Bertram and Miss Hammond's sister, Mrs. Garretson, put their heads together, and evolved another game which was to tax our wits later on, Miss Hammond kept us busy playing "Ghost" a spelling game in which no one had more than the ghost of a chance of not becoming "Ghost." This game made a great hit with all.

While we were all in the best of spirits over that game we were called back to earth to solve Mr. Bertram's puzzle. The prize for which was, as he said, permission to "blow our own horn," and as it was won by the writer, we will now say it was indeed very difficult to solve and Mr. B. must have had a brain-storm in getting it up—and we never could have guessed without the help of all the others.

It was not until we were grouped around the supper table, decorated with red roses and hearts galore—the table, not us—that we realized there were just 13 present, and that it was the 13th of the month. However, there were no faint hearts there, unless it was the pale pink one in each slice of ice cream, and everyone did full justice to both the devil and angel—cake.

Miss A. Hammond spent the afternoon with Miss Slegel, Tuesday before last.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hammond entertained Miss Alice Hammond and Mrs. Seeley at dinner Sunday before last. Mr. Plenz and Mrs. Duncanson were also present.

The Tacoma crowd that went over on the 1 o'clock boat Saturday to attend the Seattle masquerade ball had a splendid time on the trip. They had no idea of how much more they were to enjoy themselves in the evening. That was surely the best gath-

ering the deaf have ever had around here. It seemed as though all the relatives and friends of the deaf had conspired to help in the merry making. There was a great surprise in store for Miss A. Hammond and Mrs. Bertram, and all the others from Tacoma for that matter. After pleading the impossibility of attending because of business matters, Mrs. Hammond, Alice's mother, and Mr. Bertram, stole a march on us—masked of course—and caused a great deal of merriment on that account. We hope the next affair Seattle pulls off will be as successful as the masque.

PORTLAND, OREGON.

The masquerade party given by the P. D. M. Society at the Logus Hall last Saturday was a success. The ladies who were the winners of prize were Mrs. John Reichle for the prettiest costume, a silver berry spoon; M. S. Fisher for the most original, a book; Mrs. Lidberg, the funniest (not learned what), and Miss Kate Lirney, the ugliest, a pair of beauty pins. The gentlemen were Geo. White, for the prettiest, a pair of cuff links; Mr. Gobey, the most original, a scarf pin; Chas. Lynch, the funniest; a necktie, and Walter Fleming, the ugliest, a book. After a grand march and the prizes awarded various games were played.

The 11th being the tenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Reichle, 40 friends and relatives gathered at their home. The house was tastefully decorated with Oregon grapes, ferns and tin, and Mrs. Reichle was dressed in her wedding dress and carried the ideal further by wearing tin ornaments. They were the recipients of many useful utensils. Refreshments were served. Before departing the guests showered the bride and groom with rice and old shoes.

Mrs. Robt. Lines was suddenly called to Missouri last week where her husband is seriously sick.

Miss Penland, Miss Essen and Mr. Christenson were down to attend the masquerade party.

Mr. and Mrs. Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Reichle, Miss Turney and Messrs. Lynch, Vinson, Kantz, Jorg, Redman, Craven, Gannon, Fleming, White, Hollinger, Metcalf, Spieler and Cleoud went to Vancouver to attend Mrs. Thomas P. Clarke's funeral. Mrs. Schneider has been elected to take Mrs. Kirkland's place as head superior at the Vancouver school. The latter is filling Mrs. Clarke's place as matron.

Mr. and Mrs. Holger Jensen are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence for a while till they are settled.

Mr. Gabey of Rhode Island is the latest addition to our circle.

The Sewing Club met at Mrs. Redman's on the 19th and was enjoyed

by every one present. The next one will be at Miss Gerstle's on the 5th of March.

SPOKANE.

Old man Boreas is on his death bed.

Thos. Cavanaugh, John Brunkman, J. B. Bixler and R. B. Hobson are among the male visitors. We don't know if the latter named person is a relative of ex-Lieut. Hobson, "The Kissing Bee," or not, so the girls needn't get excited.

Misses Jessie Livingstone, Laura Hughes and Mabel Burnett are among the interesting list of guests.

While a couple of women strange appeared at the party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee O. Brown, Saturday evening, Feb. 22, we may be obliged to put these on the interesting list, as it appeared one was an old woman, weak with age, while the other was her hired girl, "A little nigger," as we called her. She could dance to beat the band and was ready to offer a "smack" to any nice young man willing, though none had the nerve. There was something suspicious about them, as their feet were very large and their faces did not move as most mutes' faces do. Anyway, they were so interesting we have not yet got over the headache they left behind, when the old woman decided to go home, declaring nervously she feared the house might not be safe. They did not introduce themselves, but most of us knew them.

The N. W. Ass'n is planning a big time here July 1st to 4th, and those who are interested we are sure will never regret coming. We are, however, at a loss to know when the Washington State Convention will be held or where. Spokane does not seem to want it; why, we are at a loss to know. The trouble here does not amount to more than a frown, if even that much. If held elsewhere, we hope it will be worth the money it costs us to and from it.

BILLY.

Press report says a bill has passed the legislature for a new building for the blind at Vancouver, also a big budget for repairs on the deaf school buildings.

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Another party was held at Mrs. Needham's house on her birthday, Feb. 2nd. She was educated at Belleville, Ontario. She has two sons, both hearing, and one of them is married. Both are business men. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. David Turrill, Mr. and Mrs. Isaackson, Messrs. J. Schmidt, Miss Goose and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson and Jack Gaberson.

Mr. Gardner and wife packed up their things and left here three weeks ago, headed for San Francisco. It is said that they have a very beautiful orange and poultry ranch.

Joseph George Schmidt of Portland, Ore., got his right arm crushed last week by the beef machine that is used for cutting spareribs of animals. The company sent him to the hospital. It was feared that he would lose his arm through amputation, but he is around, well again.

It is reported that Miss Jane Goose, who was a chocolate dipper, quit the job because of too much sweets and kisses, and chose another better job at sewing.

David Turrill has already built, or touched the grand total of \$15,000,000 worth of buildings and is in the employ of the Hudson Bay Co. They are building a \$3,000,000 ten-story department store.

In reply to Ed's query in last issue: Yes, I believe Olof Hanson drew that new theatre (Orpheum) plan.

Miss Ella Stelt is working as housekeeper and likes her job very much and had rather live here than in the East.

Jack Gate son got a fine job in a new Fairbanks warehouse as helper. He likes his job, all right, better than being a gold digger in Alaska.

Eddie Spieler has returned from working on the transcontinental G. T. Ry. camps near Talkwa, B. C. He was staying among our readers till last Tuesday. He left here on his way to Victoria, B. C.

Geo. Hanson came back here on his way to Bella Coola, B. C. He will leave here next Thursday by boat. He declared that Seattle is the best place to have all kind of good times.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, the peculiar Portland couple, have moved their home to another place, unknown to us. They are going to be good people this year.

John Ulrich returned from Roosland, B. C., and is displaying his prize medal of honor and cheque of \$200, including all expenses, for his championship ice hockey showing. He is going to work with Mr. Isaackson, the builder, on bungalows and cottages as carpenter this summer after the Victoria hockey team breaks up.

Joe Schmidts now out of the doc-

tor's care and they will do no amputation. He is going to work for another packing house right in this city—P. Burns & Co.

"CORKEY."

CHICAGO.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of Canada were surprised and pleased to see them back again. They intend remaining with their niece and nephew until spring.

The writer desires to correct the erroneous report made some time ago, that Supt. Charles Gillett had resigned from the superintendency of the school for the deaf at Jacksonville, Ill. He still holds the reins and it is doubtless if any else could manage them as well, he being well-qualified since having assisted his father many years before the latter's death.

There will be a pantomime entertainment at the First M. E. church, Saturday, March 29th, the proceeds to go to the benefit of the proposed Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf. Admission, 25 cents.

Miss Annabel Kent is visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. Flick.

A surprise party was given to Mrs. P. Smith on the 29th of January, in honor of her birthday. Also one was given to Mrs. J. Gabney in honor of hers, February 7th.

Miss Mary Peek entertained about a dozen ladies at a luncheon in honor of Miss Annabel Kent.

Mrs. W. Tilley was in the city for one day on her way to Decatur, from Florida, whither she went to be at the bedside of her brother who was seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. Lyman M. Hunt, of Koshkoning, Mo., is the representative of the National Association of the Deaf at Lincoln, Nebraska. He is endeavoring to get the legislature of that State to repeal or modify the law which was passed two years ago requiring the oral method alone to be used in the Nebraska School at Omaha. Mr. Hunt has had fourteen years experience in teaching the deaf, and is a man abundantly qualified to show the Nebraska legislators the broader way of educating deaf children. We hope he will be successful in his mission.—Michigan Mirror.



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